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## Congress Calls session On Plan

KOLONIA, Ponape (Congress Release)  
— The Congress leadership has called for a 10-day special session of the Congress in February to discuss the National Plan and other issues.

The decision was made during the Congress leadership meeting which was held here Jan. 19-20.

The special session, which will be the Second Special Session of the Third Congress, will begin Feb. 6 and end Feb. 15.

Besides the approval or disapproval of the National Plan, the Congress will also consider the nomination of Leo Falcam as Postmaster General, the selection of the FSM's philatelic representative, the fishing agreement recently concluded between the MMA and the Japanese fisheries associations and other issues, said Speaker Bethwel Henry.

Attending the leadership meeting were Speaker Henry and Senator Elias Thomas of Ponape; Vice Speaker Joab N. Sigrav of Kosrae; Floor Leader John Haglegam and Senator Isaac Figir of Yap, and Senators Raymond Setik, Jack Fritz, and Kalisto Refalopei of Truk.

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U.N. TEAM WITH SPEAKER — FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, left, and his staff are meeting Jan. 30 in the Speaker's office with three members of a U.N. team which came to Ponape on Jan. 28 at the request of the Congress to review the Draft National Development Plan. From left, clockwise, are Henry; Legislative Counsel Mike Berman; team members UNDAT Physical Planner John Stuart; ILO Manpower Planner Bill Barch, U.N. Interregional Planning Adviser Peter Corbin (team leader); Congress Budget Officer Tom Bussanich; Resources and Development Committee legal counsel Maketo Robert, and Congress Economist Winifried Biddier.

## New generators to boost power

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM is scheduled to get a boost in its electrical power output with the installation of eight large generators purchased from Canada, according to Frank Solomon, Office of Territorial and International Affairs Technical Assistance Program Director.

Solomon met Jan. 16 in Ponape with FSM state and national government officials to conclude a final agreement on the distribution of the eight two-megawatt generators which originally were scheduled for Palau.

Four units are scheduled for Ponape which is to construct a new power plant near the airport at Deketik and to transfer two smaller 750 kilowatt White generators from its Kolonia plant which

will be closed along with the Nanponmal plant.

With the proposed Nanpil River hydroelectric plant, "they should serve Ponape's power needs for a long time," Solomon said, noting that Ponape Island has the largest population concentration in the FSM and now has about five megawatts of power production capacity.

Two units are scheduled for Truk to be installed in a new power plant on Dublon Island where they will support the state fisheries development project and two units are to be installed in the existing Yap power plant which is to be expanded, Solomon said.

The generators are considered too large for Kosrae's electrical power needs

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# Peace Corps trainees go to Truk, Palau

KOLONIA, Ponape — Twenty-five new trainees left Ponape Jan. 25 to go to Truk and Palau where they will receive eight weeks of language and cultural training before being sworn in as volunteers, according to Peace Corps Micronesia Country Director Jerry Penno.

"Most of the Truk volunteers are going into a new pilot project in water sanitation which was developed by the Truk

government," Miss Penno said, calling it "a brand new Peace Corps project."

Water sanitation has been a secondary project for volunteers in Truk, since the outbreak there of cholera in 1982, but this will be the first time it is made a primary, she said.

Before the arrival of the new group, Micronesia had 75 Peace Corps volunteers, including 24 in Ponape, eight in

Kosrae, six in Truk, four in Yap, 20 in the Marshall Islands and 13 in Palau, she said.

Eleven members of the new group will go to Truk and 14 to Palau.

They arrived Jan. 25 in Ponape where they received a general orientation on Micronesia by the Peace Corps Micronesia staff. They were welcomed Jan. 18 by Ponape Gov. Resio Moses.

Training here was conducted by Miss Penno, Senior Associate Director Largo Edwin, Associate Directors for Training Albert (Okin) Falcam and John Rybski and FSM Country Representative Antero Latorres.

In Truk, their training will continue under Peace Corps Representative Domingko Asor and Projects Director Carl Gaiser, and in Palau under Peace Corps Representative Joe Ysoal and Project Director Brad Dude.

The trainees and their assignments are:

Truk — Kenneth W. Nenss, business advisor, Southern Namoneas Authority, Fefan; Charles Kohlbatz, poultry specialist, Moen; and rural sanitation specialists, Melanie M. Damba, Moen; Jeffrey C. Wood, Satawal; Drad W. Klein, Hall Islands; Charles E. Stump, Ulul Island; Eric D. Sanford, Pulusuk Island; Steve Brenner, Moen; David M. Reynolds, Piserrach Island; Venessa Freidman, Namoluk Island, and Tom L. Bither, Kuttu Island.

Palau — Peter Brunner, fish crop advisor, Ngeremlengui State; Naomi Carey, coop and credit union advisor, Koror Economic Development Division; Mark Cramer, civil and structural engineer, Koror Public Works Department; Carla DeYoung, business advisor, Koror Franco Co.; Peter Fearey, business advisor, Koror Longshoreman's Inn, and Henry Kilmer, poultry specialist, Koror Agriculture Division.

Also, Edi Juricic, G&N Construction Co., Koror; Rita Limber, marketing coordinator, Belau Community Action Agency, Koror; Richard Mangham, water system advisor, Koror Public Works Department; Mary McAlpine, business advisor, Julio and Edward Enterprises, Anguar State; Donna Murray, student activities coordinator, Micronesian Occupational College, Koror; Lorraine Smith, economic planning assistant, Ngchesar State, Babelthoap; Gail Tully, business advisor, Koror Economic Development Division, and Robert Whitehead, silviculture specialist, Nakke Forestry Station, Babelthoap.

## FSM urged to strengthen auditing

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM state and national government officials are being urged to strengthen their internal auditing and to take advantage of Interior Department audit recommendations, during the visit here by DOI Inspector General Richard Mulberry and Associate Solicitor Maurice Ellsworth.

Mulberry and Ellsworth met Jan. 27 with Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Vice President Bailey Olter, Ways and Means Vice Chairman Elias Thomas of Ponape, Attorney General David Nevitt and Kosrae Gov. Yosiwo George, following meetings Jan. 26 in Truk with FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, Gov. Erhart Aten and state government officials.

They were scheduled to meet Jan. 30 with Ponape Gov. Resio Moses, Legislature Speaker Salter Etse and other state government officials.

"We are visiting with all of the governors and presidents in the Pacific that come under the Interior Department," Mulberry said.

They were scheduled to go from Ponape to the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Guam, Yap, Palau and American Samoa.

Mulberry said that it was his first visit to the FSM, since being appointed Inspector General by President Reagan in 1981. His office assumed auditing responsibilities here in October, 1982, and he visited Saipan and Guam that year.

"We want to learn who the high-level people are and establish communications," he said, adding, "We want to help them, as we feel that ours is a service to them."

Mulberry said that his office has auditors in the four FSM states reviewing their annual financial statements.

The purpose of the audits is to help better management of finances, he said, adding, "We are not trying to get anyone."

He said, "We look at internal controls, transactions and ways money is used to determine if it is spent the way the U.S. Congress and local legislatures intended.

"We audit federal and locally generated money, the entire financial structure, as our purpose is to prevent and elimi-

nate waste, fraud and mismanagement," Mulberry said.

"We want to explain to the chief executives what our function is and in our audit reports we want to come up with good recommendations to them," he said.

"We want to sell them on the idea of having good internal public audit functions, so they don't have to rely on third parties like ourselves, the General Accounting Office, or hired firms, so they can have adequate internal control, so their resources won't keep slipping through the cracks," Mulberry said.

"When you look at all of the (Pacific) governments, they are fairly weak (in internal audit functions)," he said, because "they don't have adequate resources to do it."

He said that officials here have been very receptive to developing strong internal audit capability.

"The most valuable part of audit reports is the recommendations we can make to help improve control over precious resources," he said.



OTIA DEPUTY ARRIVES — Kittie Baier, center, the U.S. Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial Affairs, is at the Ponape International Airport with DOI Associate Solicitor Marian Horn, and OTIA Technical Assistance Program Analyst Thomas C. L. G. Perez of Guam on their Jan. 29 arrival. They were scheduled to be in Ponape through Feb. 1, and in Truk, Feb. 1-3.

# \$1.2 million fishing Congress sets special session

## Accord reached

KOLONIA, Ponape (Congress Release) — The Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) concluded a fishing agreement with four Japanese fishing associations Jan. 25 in Guam.

The agreement will now go before the Congress for approval during its Second Special Session which begins Feb. 6.

If the Congress approves the agreement the FSM will receive 285 million yen, approximately \$1.2 million, along with 20 million yen, approximately \$85,000, in goods and services for the six-month agreement, beginning Feb. 10 and ending Aug. 9.

The agreement would also allow two trips by FSM observers on board single and group purse seiners.

Should the Congress approve the agreement, it would end the six-month stalemate between the FSM and the fisheries associations, which began last July when talks broke off between the two parties. Since midnight, July 31, 1983, no Japanese boats have been allowed to fish legally in FSM waters.

The negotiations were suspended in Ponape because of the "major differences in the level of fees to be paid to the FSM and the method of payment for such fees," officials said.

A memorandum of agreement was also signed in Guam stating that the parties would strive to negotiate a new agreement to follow this agreement, said Senator Elias Thomas, Ponape, a member of the MMA.

To arrive at a new agreement, the parties agreed to conduct a study of fish prices in Japan. The study will be carried out concurrent with negotiations presently scheduled for April and July, officials said.

The MMA decided to resume negotiations Jan. 18 after receiving information from the associations.

At the negotiations in Guam the FSM was represented by MMA members, Chairman Sasao Gouland of Truk, Thomas, John Haglegam, Yap, and Joab N. Sigrah, Kosrae; Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger; Joint Appointee Dr. Edward L. Miles, and Deputy Secretary of External Affairs Department Asterio Takesy who represented the Secretary of External Affairs.

Additional staff assistance was provided by Congress Counsel Maketo Robert, MMA Executive Director Mike McCoy, MMA Assistant Executive Director Peter Sitan and FSM Marine Resources Chief Mike Gawel.

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During the leadership meeting, which was called by Speaker Henry to orient the members on the issues facing the Congress in the new year, a briefing was given by Asterio Takesy, deputy secretary of FSM External Affairs, on the status of the Compact of Free Association.

According to Takesy, conflicting issues of national priority are causing the Compact not to receive sufficient attention by the U.S. Congress. Because of this, the scheduled January beginning of the FSM information program may be delayed until March or April, Takesy said. Speaker Henry has been asked to select four senators who will be a part of the information program. Representatives from each state will be chosen.

The main objective of the information program, Takesy said, is "to get the Compact through and terminate the trusteeship as soon as possible."

Takesy also asked the Congress for an "informal understanding" between the executive branch and the Congress that would allow the proposed National Plan to be presented to the U.S. Congress. Takesy also asked Congress to indicate any changes it wanted to make in the plan, acknowledging to the Congress that the plan did have a few "minor problems."

No decision was reached on this request as the members opted to wait until the special session where the entire membership would review the plan.

The members also examined the

report on the National Plan prepared by Winifred Biddier, the Congress economist.

Other briefings given were:

-- a briefing on the Capital Improvement Program presented by Peter Dahm, acting chief of FSM Planning and Construction Review, detailing the breakdown of CIP funds going to the states;

-- an update on the Sea Treasure incident by David Nevitt, FSM attorney general, informing the Congress that a settlement had been reached, the terms of the settlement, and that the MMA had approved the one-year license for the Sea Treasure;

-- a trip report by Fritz and Gary Takeuchi, informing the members that they had recently returned from Palau where they met with Vice President Alfonso Oiterong who told them that the issuance of series of postage stamps "takes careful planning.;"

-- a report by Maketo Robert, R&D counsel, on the trip to Hawaii where the R&D Committee investigated airlines interested in serving the FSM. Airlines interested are Aloha Airlines, South Pacific Island Airways, Hawaiian Airlines and Mid Pacific Air, and

-- a fiscal year 1983 spending breakdown briefing given by Tom Bussanich, Congress budget officer.

The leadership also selected Sigrah and Figir to represent Congress at the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures meeting which will be held in Guam, Feb. 6-7.

## New generators to boost power in FSM

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at this time, which means they could not be operated efficiently there, he said.

"It will probably be nine months, or the end of the year before we could start moving the engines," Solomon said, noting that the process will start when President Tosiwo Nakayama notifies OTIA that the states are going ahead with the construction of the plants.

Their installation will be coordinated by American Samoa Power Authority Executive Director Jim Carriere who was contracted by the OTIA to serve as technical advisor on the development of power systems in Micronesia.

Carriere attended the power plant meeting in Ponape. The FSM was represented by Energy Advisor Tom Hall; Truk, by Gov. Erhart Aten; Kosrae, by Power Plant Manager Mike Stewart; Yap, by Public Utilities Director Xavier Thaleng and Power Plant Manager David Nelson, and Ponape, by Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher and Utilities Superintendent Kiyoshi Kimoto.

The eight diesel-powered generators are four years old and have about 14,000 hours of use each, according to Solomon, who said they were manufactured by American Locomotive Co., a large firm which has a large parts inventory and which will overhaul the generators to original manufacturers specifications.

The units will cost an estimated \$350,000 each, plus freight and installation, he said.

The U.S. Congress appropriated \$4.5 million to install the units in Palau, which later decided against them, so the Interior Department and Congress decided to offer them to the FSM, Solomon said.

He said that \$2.4 million was reprogrammed for construction of new airport terminals in the Trust Territory, but with \$1.5 million allocated for power development in Ponape and \$1 million for backup power in Truk, more than \$4.5 million is available for the project.

# Regents name Nimwes rector, air Compact

KOLONIA, Ponape — Truk State Education Director Chutomu Nimwes became the third College of Micronesia Rector when he was elected Jan. 20 by the Board of Regents to succeed the Rev. Billy Kuarte of Palau, according to COM Executive Director Loren Peterson.

The regents also met with representatives of the FSM, Palau and Marshalls for a second follow-up on the Saipan Accords signed Oct. 5 by the presidents of the three nations, agreeing to continue COM as a unified institution, during the annual meeting Jan. 16-20 of the board at the Micronesian Occupational College in Palau.



Nimwes

"The discussion focused on budgeting and joint lobbying efforts in coordination with the three governments in Washington, D.C., for COM funding," Peterson said.

He said that the board will send three representatives, including Regents Alfred Capelle of the Marshalls and FSM Sen. Claude Phillip of Kosrae and Peterson, to Washington, Feb. 26-28, to attend an Association of Community College Trustees national legislative seminar and follow up on contacts with U.S. Congress, Interior, Agriculture and Education department staffs.

Kuarte, remains on the board as the Palau representative. He succeeded Marcellino Umwech of Truk who became the first Rector, or chairman of the Board of Regents, when the COM was chartered in 1978 to be the governing body of the MOC in Palau, Community College of Micronesia in Ponape and CCM Nursing School in Saipan.

Nimwes was named to the board in 1983 to replace Satano Fiti as the Truk regent.

He served in the Congress of Micronesia House of Representatives as chairman of the Education and Ways and Means committees, before resigning in 1969 to become Truk State Education Director. He was Assistant Education Director before going to the Congress.

Nimwes attended the Territorial College of Guam and University of Hawaii, after being graduated from the former Pacific Islands Central School in Truk.

Other new officers of the board are Capelle, Vice Rector, and Dr. John C. Salas of Guam, a new member named by the TT High Commissioner, secretary-treasurer.

Sebastian Anafal is another new

member who attended the meeting, replacing Constantine Yinug as the Yap regent. Other regents are Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma of Ponape and FSM Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger representing the High Commissioner.

In other action, the board:

-- Approved the COM fiscal 1984 budget of \$3.7 million; accepted a \$1.5 million grant for fiscal 1984 from the High Commissioner, and allocated \$200,000 to the CCM dormitory construction project, \$20,000 to the MOC dormitory improvement project and \$12,000 to continue the study of relocating the CCM Nursing School to Majuro.

-- Approved a CCM marine science curriculum to begin in 1984 Fall Quar-

## Cantero reelected FSM board chairman

KOLONIA, Ponape — Community College of Micronesia President Catalino Cantero of Ponape was reelected chairman of the FSM Board of Education in a reorganization meeting held here in conjunction with the Second FSM Education Leadership Convention Jan. 23-25, according to the board Administrative Officer Herbert Gallen.

The board was able to reorganize during its Jan. 24 meeting when the members representing Kosrae and Yap whose membership terms lapsed this year were renominated by their respective governors, Gallen said.

The members of the reorganized board include Dr. Cantero, Rensley Sigrah of Kosrae, Manuel Sound of Truk, John Rulmal of Yap, and ex-officio member FSM Education Chief Daro Weital.

The Second FSM Education Leadership Convention followed the board meeting, Jan. 26-27 with board members and state education directors participating.

Resolutions discussed at the convention were 1) A teacher incentive program to curb departures by many capable and promising teachers to other areas of employment and to motivate present instructors to remain in the education profession. 2) To support a unified College of Micronesia system as set forth by the "Saipan Accords" by seeking funding and other assistance from the U.S. by providing facilities for the relocation and construction of the CCM Nursing School to the Marshall Islands, construction of a new College of Micronesia campus, improvement to existing facilities of the Micronesia Occupational College in Palau and continued operational and programmatic support for the COM system now and during free associa-

ter.

-- Authorized planning for the possibility of switching from the quarter system to a semester system at the three campuses.

-- Asked the MOC president to give priority to improving dormitory conditions and dealing with student problems.

-- Voted to continue the concept of a COM joint personnel committee to continue working on a recommendation to improve the personnel system.

-- Received the resignation, effective May 31, of CCM Nursing School Director Virginia Levesque, who is stepping down due to her mother's illness.

The board will hold its next regular meeting April 15-21 in Palau to follow up on the problems with the MOC dormitory, according to Peterson.

tion period.

The board also considered a proposed FSM Education Code, which is scheduled to be submitted to the Congress in its May session, Gallen said, adding, "If the proposed idea is approved, the Board will become a policy making body for the FSM education system."

And it considered establishment of National Maritime Academy to be located in Truk and teacher certification.

The convention, which was chaired by Ponape State Education Director Damian Sohl, met with Commission on Future Political Status and Transition Chairman Andon Amaraich to air concerns about the scheduled decrease in education funding under the Compact of Free Association, Gallen stated.

Participating in the convention were: Acting FSM Social Services Secretary Daro Weital; Acting Education Division Chief Weldis Welley; state education directors Singkitchy George of Kosrae; Sohl; Chutomu Nimwes of Truk; and Alfonso Fanechigiy of Yap; COM Executive Director Loren Peterson; FSM Education Program Development Coordinator Stuart Arno; Gallen, and board members.

The Board plans to meet again in May to prepare for the Congress session and it is hoped that the Convention III will reconvene then.

## Named to 'Who's Who'

MANGILAO, Guam — Switer L. Eter, a University of Guam student from Tol, Truk state, was named with 29 others to the 1984 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges", according to UOG Public Information Director Katherine Singh.

## Concon funds

### Approved

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Third Ponape State Legislature passed a \$35,000 appropriation for the Ponape Constitutional Convention before adjourning its first regular meeting Jan. 28, according to Chief Clerk Henry Saimon.

The legislature reconfirmed former Speaker Edwel Santos as the First Ponape State Court Chief Justice. Santos was sworn-in Jan. 27 by Gov. Resio Moses, before Moses addressed the legislators and a packed gallery.

The legislature also confirmed the reappointment of Tom Beckman as its legal counsel and Henry Saimon as chief clerk, before resolving to meet in a special meeting beginning Jan. 30.

Other measures passed final reading were: LB 33-84, appropriating \$10,000 for the expenses and membership fees of members attending the Association of Pacific Island legislatures meetings and LB 40-84 appropriating \$500 for the costs of celebrating March 15 Kapingamarangi legal holiday.

The lone resolution adopted Jan. 28 was LR 11-84 requesting a feasibility study on extension of Ponape main water pipe line to Parem Island.

Among bills pending to be considered during the special meeting are:

— LB 11-84, to reorganize the state executive branch.

— LB 12-84, changing the beginning date of the State Leadership Conference on Political Status Development from Feb. 6 to 16,

— LB 23-84, imposing a tax on food and drinks sold by restaurants, taverns, or other establishments and establishing procedures for its collection and payment, while providing civil and criminal penalties.

— LB 25-84, providing for a \$5 utilization fee per passenger departing from the Ponape International Airport, and

— LB 26-84, prohibiting sale, production and use of firecrackers and other related products.

### Ag workshop held

LELU, Kosrae — Dr. Claron Bjork and Robert Bevagua of the University of Guam College of Agriculture and Life Science conducted a workshop here on pesticides and aquaculture, according to a Jan. 17 Kosrae State Release.

They discussed the kinds of pesticides available and how to cure fungus and other crop diseases, and how to set up and maintain fish ponds for food production.

# Moses cites water meter plan

KOLONIA, Ponape — Gov. Resio Moses announced plans to install a metering system to encourage water conservation in Kolonia and to expand the system to surrounding communities in a Jan. 27 address to the Third Ponape State Legislature.

The legislature was sitting in its first regular meeting which was scheduled to end Jan. 28. Moses delivered his first state of the State message Oct. 7 to the Second State Legislature.

In a progress report on his first eight months in office, Moses, who took office May 1, said that a study by Barrett, Harris and Associates, Inc., showed that leakage in the Kolonia water system is greater than the intake into the storage system, so his administration is conducting a conservation education program, and is planning to use \$257,000 in fiscal 1981 funds to install meters and \$1.8 million in fiscal 1984 funds to improve the system and expand it to surrounding communities.

Electrical power lines have been energized to Uh, Kitti and Sokehs with the \$300,000 available to the state in fiscal 1983 capital improvement project funds, though consumer hook-ups are awaiting acquisition of transformers, he said.

The same funds in addition to \$100,000 for fiscal 1984 are being used for upgrading the electrical distribution during planned weekend and holiday power outages; plans are being



SANTOS SWORN IN — Gov. Resio Moses, left, is administering the oath of office to Ponape State Chief Justice Edwel Santos in the State Legislature Chamber shortly after Santos was reconfirmed by the legislature. In the foreground is Legislature Chief Clerk Henry Saimon. Moses addressed the legislature after the ceremony.

made to consolidate power generation at Deketik with four new generators to be purchased from Canada, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working to get the \$6.1 million Nanpil hydroelectric plant construction underway, he said.

Design renderings are completed and advertising for bids is expected soon on the \$1.2 million airport terminal; the island circumferential road is expected to be completed by April, and funds will be sought for bridges and paving, and \$1,212,000 is available for sewage upgrading in Kolonia and Sokehs, he said.

Moses said that \$1 million available in special operations and maintenance funds would be used to maintain schools and dispensaries, and that plans are being made to add new classrooms to existing schools and consolidate elementary schools and to seek fiscal 1985 funds for a new high school.

A mobile primary health unit was established for the rural areas and outer islands where the dispensaries are to be revived and adequately manned, in addition to improvements on the state hospital, he said.

The governor said that state agency staffs are being streamlined through reduction of personnel, beginning with the Finance Office, to make the government affordable by us," as he promised in his inauguration speech.

He said that the state incurred a \$935,200 fiscal 1983 deficit which was reduced to \$503,097, and that he expects a balanced budget by the end of fiscal 1984.

Moses asked the legislature to increase scholarship allotments for college students, assist in the conclusion of a state constitution, help define the role of Ponape in promoting the Compact of Free Association in Washington, finalize the State Economic Development Plan, develop CIP program requests and help develop an industrial park on both sides of the airport causeway.

The governor also asked the legislature to declare its Pingelap seat vacant and enact provisions to fill it, "so that the municipality of Pingelap is provided its representative....in the shortest time possible."

The narrow victory by incumbent Job Micah over Delson Ehmes in the Nov. 11 was not certified by the State Election Commissioner due to alleged vote counting irregularities.

# Etpison gets 10-year sentence

LELU, Kosrae — Edwin Etpison, 34, of Palau was sentenced here Jan. 16 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King to a maximum term of 10 years in jail and ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution for the Aug. 20 beating death of Larson Abraham, 22, of Kosrae.

King also deferred sentencing Bernel Alokoa, a former Kosrae State Police detective, who pleaded guilty Jan. 16 to the crime of depriving the rights of another suspect in the Abraham killing by stripping and beating him in the Kosrae jail during the investigation.

Alokoa, who also was charged with attacking a Kosraean detained in the jail, received the deferral of sentence on the conditions that he would not commit any crime, nor consume any kind of alcohol for one year, and that he was prohibited from accepting employment with the state or national government before April 4, 1984.

## CAT team arrives

LELU, Kosrae — Leaders of Army Civic Action Team 84-1 met with Kosrae state executive, legislative and municipal officials, after arriving here during the week of Jan. 9, to begin planning projects to be carried out in the municipalities, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The arrival of the CAT team from the 84th Combat Engineer Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, headed by 1st Lt. Louis A. Winowski and Sgt. Turner Heines, marks the first time that each of the four Federated States have had a team, since the FSM came into being in 1979, according to a report in the Jan. 23 Pacific Daily News which said that the new airport in Kosrae enabled their deployment to the island.

A Navy Seabee team is in Yap, an Air Force Prime Beef in Truk and an Army team from the 84th Battalion in Ponape.

In the meeting with Gov. Yosiwo George, Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung, members of the legislature and the four municipal chief magistrates, Winowski and Heines said that the purpose of their coming to Kosrae was to assist the municipalities and cited the need for advanced planning for projects, including funding and the number of trainees to be hired.

Winowski said the team will train young men and women for one year, and will provide health services to the island people.

During the meeting, a CAT Team Coordinating Committee was organized. State Senator Donald Jonah was elected chairman and Lelu Chief Magistrate Alikpa P. Sigrah, vice chairman.

Alokoa also was fined \$75 which he must pay before seeking employment with the state government.

Etpison pleaded guilty to manslaughter here before King on Nov. 11, and has been in jail since he was arrested Aug. 20, the day of the killing.

The 10-year sentence is the maximum for manslaughter under FSM law which has no provision for parole, according to Supreme Court Chief Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny, who said that Etpison will receive no credit for the five months spent in jail, unless he pays the restitution to the family of the victim within the next six months.

Ronny Ngirachereang, also known as Ronny Ubedei, and Ichiro Uchel, who were with Etpison the night of the killing, were granted immunity from prosecution by the government in exchange for their testimony.

Ngirachereang and Uchel did nothing to assist Etpison in killing Abraham, but assisted him under fear in disposing the body, according to FSM prosecutor Fred Ramp.

Ramp told the court during the sentencing hearing that Etpison was a threat to the community and that there was no reason for compassion, nor reason to give less than the maximum sentence.

Ramp said that Etpison admitted during the guilty plea hearing that he was the leader of the attack and that he kicked Abraham, a fellow construction worker, several times hard, but that he could not remember beating him with rocks, as testified by his companions, due to his intoxicated condition.

Etpison reportedly admitted that the two companions tried to run away from him, and that he stuck the victim in a cement bag and tied a rope around his neck, before transporting him from Lelu municipality to Malem where the body was disposed of on the beach.

## Nutrition program held

LELU, Kosrae — The College of Micronesia Extension Service is conducting a nutrition education program for girls, 10-18 years old, who are out of school in the four Kosrae municipalities, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The program began Jan. 9 with classes being conducted one hour a week for 34-40 weeks on Mondays by Kenye Killin in Utwe; Tuesdays, Magrina Wakuk, Tafunsak; Wednesdays, Julie Kephass, Malem, and Thursdays, Bonti Helmi, Lelu.

The program is under the direction of Fe Calixterio who on Oct. 17 became the COM College of Tropical and Agricultural Sciences Extension Service Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program agent in Kosrae.

## Candidates named For Lelu seat

LELU, Kosrae — Former Gov. Jacob Nena, former legislator Akira Tosie and State Agriculturist Tadashy A. Sigrah filed petitions to be candidates in the Feb. 9 special election to fill the Lelu seat in the Kosrae State Legislature vacated by Dais Alokoa, according to a Kosrae State Release.

Alokoa chose to remain in the executive branch as a personnel specialist when the new Kosrae State Constitution, which bars serving in both branches, went into effect on Jan. 11.

Petitions to run in the special election were received up to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 20.

The election is limited to voters registered in Lelu municipality. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Kosrae State Election Commissioner who must receive them by 4:30 p.m., Feb. 9.

Lelu is represented by five senators in the State Legislature.

## Special mailing proposed

LELU, Kosrae — A special mailing system to close the "communications gap" between the state and national governments was proposed during a Jan. 10-20 state administrative management workshop here, according to a Kosrae State Release.

In addition, Gov. Yosiwo George signed into law bills appropriating \$4,000 for receptions held during the Jan. 11 celebration of the implementation of the new Kosrae State Constitution and providing for regular legislature sessions under the Constitution, according to the release.

The special mailing system was proposed, after the workshop participants cited long delays in the arrival of communications from the national government.

A special envelope was proposed for confidential mail.

The 20 participants in the workshop also agreed that a manual of administration should be developed for the state government, and that a middle management committee should be organized similar to the one in the FSM national government to deal with administrative problems.

### CLARIFICATION

KOLONIA, Ponape — The "J. Phillip" listed for hearing on Jan. 18 in the FSM Supreme Court Calendar published in the Jan. 15 National Union is Jackson Phillip, according to court officials.

It is the policy of the court to use first initials only in the calendar for brevity, and no reflection on other parties with similar names is intended by the court, nor the National Union staff.

## Yap legislature Gets nominations

COLONIA, Yap — Fourteen nominations by Gov. John Mangefel were submitted to the First Yap State Legislature during the opening day, Jan. 9, of its second regular session, according to State Information Officer Henry Muthan.

In addition, 14 bills were introduced on the opening day, including one, L.B. 1-70, to appropriate \$353,375 for state government operations.

The bill includes \$49,050 for the judiciary, \$28,875, Council of Pilung; \$24,150, Council of Tamol; \$78,250, legislature; \$10,500, Treasury; \$4,000, Revenue Division; \$27,500, Public Safety Division; \$7,500, youth services; \$3,000, historical preservation; \$3,150, Yap Museum; \$44,200, health services; \$12,200, Micronesian Legal Services Corps., and \$58,500, public transportation system.

The legislature was recessed until Jan. 24 to give committees time to prepare for hearings during that week.

The nominations submitted by resolution for confirmation by the legislature were: Former FSM Vice President Petrus Tán to be the Yap member of the FSM Telecommunications board of directors; Linus Ruemau and Eusebio Taleng, State Board of Education; Sabastian Anafal, College of Micronesia Board of Regents, and Anafal and Elvis Haleialfil, Yap Fishing Authority Board of Directors.

Also nominated to the State Environmental Protection Advisory Board were John Ranganbay, Ramon Peyal, Samuel Giltamag, John Gisog, Francis Faney and Ted Rutun.

### Dredge proposals sought

KOLONIA, Ponape — Proposals are being sought for dredging 15,250 cubic yards of coral material to be used for the Sokehs Pah Sanitary Facilities Project, Ponape, according to Jack Pobuk, project manager.

All proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 17 by Pobuk at the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics where the project documents, specifications and drawings are available.

The proposal should include full bidder address, dredging and other equipment descriptions, mobilization time estimates, production rate estimates, dredged material price per cubic yard and a current financial statement, listing all principals. They should be addressed to Jack Pobuk, Project Manager, Sokehs Pah Sanitary Facilities Project, P.O. Box 502, Kolonia, Ponape, ECI 96941.

## Ponape Concon delayed

KOLONIA, Ponape — Reconvening of the Ponape State Constitutional Convention has been delayed to Jan. 30 to give the Style and Transition Committee time to complete a draft in both English and Ponapean, Convention Chairman Leo A. Falcam announced Jan. 17.

The convention originally was scheduled to be resumed on Jan. 9 and that was postponed to Jan. 24, due to a conflict with the State Legislature in using its chamber and a bill pending in the legislature to reappropriate \$65,000 in unused convention funds which were reverted to the general fund at the end of fiscal 1983.

Falcam said that the reason for the additional delay is that "we would like to have a draft constitution both in English and Ponapean available for all of the delegates at least a couple of days before reconvening.

"This will allow the Style and Transition Committee to complete its work this week and next week," he said, after conferring with convention legal counsel Alan Burdick in Honolulu by telephone.

Falcam said that the draft will be complete, though the articles on tradition; judiciary; conservation, development and land, and transition have not been approved on second reading by the

convention before going to the Style and Transition Committee, as required by the convention rules.

Falcam said that he hoped that the convention will reconsider a proposed provision of the transition article which would set a uniform election date in November, 1985, for the governor and legislators which was defeated on second reading.

"There will be a Style and Transition Committee recommendation to the convention, essentially that the convention reconsider a provision for the transition matter (including an election date)," he said.

The defeated provision would cut short the four-year terms of Gov. Resio Moses who was elected on March 29, 1983, and the Third Ponape State Legislature which was elected Nov. 11, 1983.

Falcam said that the additional delay would give the legislature more time to act on the reappropriation bill, as its session is scheduled to continue through Jan. 28.

He said that he hopes to have a final draft constitution adopted in this final session.

A Ponape state constitutional referendum is scheduled for July 2.

## Truk coconut processing plant dedicated

MOEN, Truk — The coconut was honored as the "Tree of Life" during the Jan. 23 dedication of the new \$297,000 Truk Coconut Processing Plant here, according to State Information Officer Dechuo Jain.

Gov. Erhart Aten proclaimed Jan. 23-29 Truk State Coconut Awareness Week, and the dedication triggered week-long activities focusing on the economic importance of the coconut tree and its by-products.

FSM First Lady Miter Nakayama, assisted by Truk State First Lady Sechdo Aten, cut the ribbon during the dedication to officially open the plant in Southfield near the Continental Hotel on Moen.

Nelson Killion is manager of the plant which is modelled after the Ponape Coconut Processing Plant at PATS high school, Ponape.

The dedication included a tour of the facilities with samples of the laundry soap being produced there. Certificates were presented to the top 10 municipalities in per capita coconut production in 1983, including 1) Parem, 2) Udot, 3) Ono, 4) Tol, 5) Pullusuk, 6) Fanapanges, 7) Wonei, 8) Dublon, 9) Nomwin and 10) Polle.

Coconut Awareness Week activities

included booths at the State Agriculture Station displaying products from the wood of the tree, the leaf, copra meat and husks.

Coconut husking and meat cutting contests were held at the Agriculture Station on Jan. 27, concluding the week's activities.

During the dedication ceremony, FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama compared the importance of the coconut to the petroleum industry, stating that oil drilled from the ground will someday be depleted, while the coconut tree will last forever.

Ponape Coconut Processing Plant manager and FSM Coconut Authority executive director Catalino Sam, who helped set up the Truk plant, said that it was a step forward for Truk in joining the coconut industrial family, and called the coconut tree "the tree of life" in Micronesia.

Aten cited the contribution of the FSM Congress in providing \$100,000 for the plant and the Truk State Legislature which provided \$197,000.

Other speakers were State Resources and Development Director Redley Killion, FSM Senator Jack Fritz and Moen Mayor Fichita Bossy.

# FSM set for new federal job training program

KOLONIA, Ponape — The states are ready to launch the Job Training Partnership Act on-the-job, work experience and classroom training programs and will soon be seeking applicants, according to FSM JTPA Coordinator Justy Hainrick.

Successful applicants will be placed in private sector, or government on-the-job training positions where 50 per cent of their salaries will be paid by their employers and 50 per cent from JTPA funds; work experience, or classroom training programs where 100 per cent of their wages will be from JTPA funds, or any combination of the programs, Hainrick said.

The JTPA program was enacted in 1982 by the U.S. Congress to replace the Comprehensive Training and Employment Act (CETA) program and to involve private sector employers in the planning and implementation of the program, he said.

Organization of the program began with a Nov. 14-19 meeting in Guam of training officials throughout the Trust

Territory, American Samoa and Guam with U.S. Labor Department JTPA officials. Hainrick, a training specialist, represented the FSM national government at the technical assistance conference.

Private industry councils and state job training coordinating councils were organized in the four FSM states during November and December, and a workshop was conducted in December in Ponape for state JTPA officials by Tom Cooper, Arizona State Economic Security Department On-the-Job Training Program Manager.

President Tosiwo Nakayama named Hainrick to represent the FSM national government and Ponape businessman Matt Mix to represent the state councils on the Trust Territory JTPA executive committee which also includes David Nolan of Palau and Jerry Kramer of the Marshall Islands.

The President also designated the Personnel Office Training Division to coordinate the program in the FSM, and Acting Trust Territory JTPA Director Jan Erickson agreed to channel all funds

to the FSM states through the President, Hainrick said.

High Commissioner Janet McCoy allocated \$160,000, or \$40,000 to each state to establish JTPA offices to administer the program.

The FSM was allocated \$490,000, or 68 per cent of the Trust Territory JTPA funds to hire trainees during fiscal 1984, and the FSM will receive a portion of \$33,000 in TT discretionary funds, Hainrick said.

The preliminary allocations to the states are Ponape, \$146,425; Truk, \$278,637; Kosrae, \$36,433, and Yap, \$53,687, he said, adding that the funding and number of trainees to be hired will depend on the state job training plans which were submitted to the High Commissioner for review.

The President signed a memorandum of understanding on the funding and administration of the program in the FSM which was forwarded to the High Commissioner for her signature, Hainrick said.

In Ponape where the program is expected to get underway in February, the Community College of Micronesia is the administering agency and Elsa Thomas is the JTPA officer who will counsel and place the trainees.

In Kosrae, Aaron Alokoa is the executive director of the JTPA office; in Truk, Roosevelt Kansou, and in Yap, Tim Thornburgh of the Yap Community Action Agency.

The trainees will receive the prevailing government salaries for the type of work they are doing in each state, according to Hainrick.

## Landfill approved

KOLONIA, Ponape — Col. Michael M. Jenks, Honolulu District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, issued a federal permit on Jan. 18 to William Neth, Ponape, authorizing construction of a 3,200-square-foot landfill area on the northeast coast of Sokehs Island.

"The landfill authorized by this permit," Col. Jenks explained, "will be used by Mr. Neth to construct a cooking house and pigpens for his family."



**JOB TRAINING WORKSHOP** — Tom Cooper, second from left, Arizona State Economic Security Department On-the-Job Training Program Manager, is conducting a workshop Dec. 14 in Ponape on Job Training Partnership Act programs. From left are Kosrae State Economist Aren Palik, Cooper, Trust Territory JTPA fiscal officer Joe Asanuma of Saipan and FSM JTPA coordinator Justy Hainrick.

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